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SUBJECT: ARAB LEAGUE COUNCIL: SPANISH ENCLAVES

REF: A. RABAT 2047; B. RABAT 2051

1. SPANISH AMBASSADOR CALLED ARAB LEAGUE SYG RIAD TO REQUEST
TEXT OF AL COUNCIL RESOLUTION ON ENCLAVES ISSUE. SPANISH EMBASSY
HAS GIVEN US ARABIC TEXT. OUR TRANSLATION FOLLOWS:

QUOTE. COUNCIL DECIDES TO APPROVE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATION MADE
BY POLITICAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:

COMMITTEE LOOKED INTO MEMORANDUM BY KINGDOM OF MOROCCO ON THE
ISSUE AND RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING:

COMMITTEE CONSIDERED THE ISSUE OF THE CITIES OF CEUTA,
MELILLA, ALHUCIMA ROCKS AND CHAFARINAS ISLANDS UNDER
SPANISH OCCUPATION, WHICH THE MOROCCAN GOVERNMENT HAD
REQUESTED BY INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA OF THE UN COMMITTEE OF
24 JANUARY 30, 1975 AS NO. A/AX/475.

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UPON PERUSAL OF RESOLUTION TAKEN BY OAU MINISTERIAL COUNCIL
DATED FEBRUARY 21, 1975 CONCERNING SUPPORT OF MOROCCO IN HER

JUST CLAIMS WITH REGARD TO RECOVERY OF COLONIAL POCKETS ON
NORTHERN COAST OF MOROCCO;
AND ACCORDING TO HISTORICAL STANDS OF ARAB LEAGUE IN ITS
FIGHT AGAINST IMPERIALISM, AND ITS STRUGGLE TO LIBERATE ALL THE
AREAS UNDER IMPERIALIST YOKE,
AND IN CONSIDERATION OF ARAB SOLIDARITY WHICH MAKES IT THE DUTY
OF ARAB COUNTRIES TO BACK AND SUPPORT ANY ARAB COUNTRY SUFFERING
FROM OCCUPATION OF PARTS OF HER NATIONAL SOIL,
AND ON ACCOUNT OF FACT THAT CONTINUATION OF THESE IMPERIALIST
POCKETS IN MOROCCO CONSTITUTES A MENACE TO INTEGRITY OF
ITS SOIL,
AND TO SAFEGUARD HISTORICAL RELATIONS BETWEEN ARAB COUNTRIES
AND SPAIN, COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING:
1. FULL SUPPORT OF KINGDOM OF MOROCCO IN HER CLAIM TO RECOVER
CEUTA, MELILLA, CHAFARINAS ISLANDS, ALHUCIMA AND VELEZ ROCKS
2. SUPPORT OF THE REQUEST SUBMITTED BY DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE
TO APPLY THE PRINCIPLE NOW IN FORCE TO SPEED UP LIBERATION
OF THE TWO MOROCCAN CITIES AND NEIGHBORING POCKETS, AND
RESTORE THEM TO THE FATHERLAND.
3. USE GOOD OFFICES WITH GOS TO ENGAGE IN DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS
TO END ITS OCCUPATION OF THESE MOROCCAN TERRITORIES SO AS TO
COMPLETE THE UNITY OF MOROCCAN SOIL.
4. SECRETARY GENERAL IS TO FOLLOW UP THE ISSUE AND PRESENT
HIS REPORT ON IT AT COMING ARAB LEAGUE COUNCIL SESSION.
END QUOTE.

2. COMMENT: SPANISH AMBASSADOR TELLS US THAT HIS MEETING
WITH RIAD IS ONLY CONTACT BETWEEN SPANISH GOVERNMENT AND ARAB
LEAGUE SO FAR ON THIS ISSUE.

3. AS NOTED REF B, LARAKI AND BOUTEFLIKA DID HAVE OVERT CLASH
DURING COUNCIL MEETING. ALGERIANS, WHO HAVE PROCLAIMED THEM-
SELVES "CONCERNED PARTY", APPARENTLY RIPPED INTO LARAKI ON SPANISH
SAHARA QUESTION. SPANISH EMBASSY HERE POINTS OUT THAT ALGERIA
DOES NOT SEEM TO HAVE ENGAGED IN SERIOUS DIPLOMACY ON THIS
ISSUE FOR SOME TIME AND AS A RESULT MAJORITY OF ARAB LEAGUE
MEMBERS, INCLUDING EGYPT, SYRIA AND SAUDI ARABIA, ARE STAOUNCH
SUPPORTERS OF MOROCCAN POSITION.

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4. CAIRO'S 4222, WHICH QUOTED LOCAL PRESS ACCOUNTS OF COUNCIL
PROCEEDINGS, REPORTED AGREEMENT WAS REACHED TO SUPPORT GOM'S
CLAIM TO "SPANISH-HELD MOROCCAN SAHARA". IN FACT, WE HAVE
CONFIRMED WITH AL SOURCE AND SPANISH EMBASSY THAT NO RESOLUTION
WAS FORMALLY PASSED ON SAHARA, APPARENTLY BECAUSE OF ALGERIAN
LOBBYING.
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